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PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR U.S.

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Classified By: DepPol/C Stanley Harsha, reasons 1.4(b+d).

¶1. (SBU) Mission delivered Ref A diplomatic note announcing the United States' candidacy for the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) to a senior officer responsible for human rights at the Department of Foreign Affairs and asked for GOI support. We also delivered the non-paper on "Human Rights Commitments and Pledges of the United States of America," and discussed the points.

¶2. (C) In response, Director for Human Rights Wiwiek Setyawati sent DepPol/C the following message on April 16, pledging GOI support for our candidacy: "Although it hasn't been confirmed by a formal instruction from my Minister, it is beyond dispute that Indonesia will strongly support the U.S. candidature for the HRC membership." She added, "Welcome to the Club of the Human Rights Council. Hope you'll get a lot of support."

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